

Make A Name For Yourself

Students share their unique names and the inspiration and connections behind them.

Lincoln Southeast has people from all over. Whether they're from out of state or out of the country, LSE has housed people with many unique names from different cultures and backgrounds. Our names are the foundation of who we are as individuals. LSE has curated and nurtured creativity in its students, building a reputation for greatness.

Most names in America come from religion. It's very common to see someone with a name like Christian, David, or Sarah. But how often do you see a Malaki walking through the hallways—or a Samara? **Samara Tep (10)** is named after the girl from The Ring. She also has a biblical name, which, according to her, was not planned. She stated, "I think it was just really random, and my name is in the Bible, so I think my dad wanted it because of that. My mom wanted it because she likes horror movies."

Tep isn't the only one at LSE with a biblical name. **Malaki LeFevre-Scott (11)** also has a name with biblical meaning, which seems to be a common trend in his family. "I think they're going off that because my sister's name is from the Bible too." While biblical names are common in the Midwest and across America, there aren't many people with names like Tep's and LeFevre-Scott's.

Languages are a big part of names. Some languages are based on each other, while others are lost to time. Latin is considered a dead language by many—but maybe not to **Mino Montoya's (9)** parents, who named Montoya after a Latin word. "I think it means king or something, in Latin." Latin is the base for the Romance language family, meaning it is an ancient language. However, Latin isn't the only language that plays a part in people's names.



Jadis Drake(10)

Native languages are extremely unique to their specific regions and tribes. **Jadis Drake (10)** has a name with Native roots. He explained, "I mean, some of it comes from a native language."

Like names, some places also have native roots—places like Omaha, Sioux, and Oklahoma. **McKelvie Talich (12)** is named after a place: the Samuel R. McKelvie National Park. The park isn't named after someone who was Native, but Talich certainly has a unique name. "It's on a road sign, so it's like a place. Well, I know there's a national park by Chadron, Nebraska, but I don't really know what that meaning is," Talich explained when asked about the origin of her name. Sometimes people are named after places; sometimes, they're named after family members. **Theta Roths (10)** is named after her great-grandma. She described, "My great-grandma was also named Theta. I haven't met her—she died before I was born. I know that she was really nice," when asked about the origin of her name. Roths never knew her great-grandmother, but that doesn't stop her from feeling a connection. Whether they met or not, they still have something in common.

Lincoln Southeast has a common trend of unique names—whether it be their origins, meanings, or the people and places they come from. LSE is home to some of the most creative and distinctive individuals, and its people are just as unique and different as their names.



McKelvie Talich(12)



Malaki LeFevre- Scott(11)

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When asked about the connection she stated, "Because it was my mom's favorite photographer. Minor, just like me. He takes photos of nude people, I know some of his are like new people, but he's my mom's favorite photographer." While her first name was based off of an American photographer her last name is generational, when asked to comment on this she explained, "My dad, his side of the family is French and um something with that French and Irish. Well my mom's side is German."

Family Ties

place or their families, **Hazim** is from Iraq, tied to Islam, went to Iraq he did not as like I was like as I was. It cool to son back an an uz y n y A

